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BOROUGH OF EYE.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
Lambseth Street,
Eye, Suffolk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1942

The General Sanitary condition of the Borough remains at approximately the same level as reported in 1941. Some owners have voluntarily connected their Properties to the new Public Sewer and Water Main, but many still remain to be connected. War Conditions, lack of materials and labour have slowed up this work. The Council itself has not been able to proceed under Sections 47 or 42 of the Public Health Act 1936 to compel conversions of Pail to Water Closet, and many properties urgently needing the convenience of drainage will it appears have to wait.

SEWERAGE

The Sewerage system as a whole functions fairly satisfactory, but the Irrigation Area at the Disposal Works, is still (as pointed out in my last report) in an unsatisfactory condition. Nothing effective has in the past year been done to the irrigation areas. These are still inefficient, allowing the effluent to pond and become septic, and by constantly delivering in the same spot the land is at these points overworked and sewage sick.

Much work is necessary here to bring these incompleted works to a satisfactory state, and to prevent the untreated effluent gaining access to the ditch on the eastern side of the field.

PAIL CONSERVANCY SYSTEM.

The Council has unfortunately still to maintain the dual service of Main Sewerage, and Night Soil carting. Owing to War Conditions it is useless to proceed under Statutory Powers for conversion of pail to water closet, and it is hoped that as many owners as can arrange for the necessary labour and materials, will proceed with the work of conversion. I must again point out the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing with respect to the drainage at the Councils property at Victoria Hill. These 22 houses have no drainage facilities at all and there is nowhere to dispose of the slop and soapy water produced at the premises other than on to heavy land gardens, which slope down towards the backs of the houses. If it is not practicable at the moment to carry out closet conversions at these houses possibly slop drainage could be provided, together with a laid on water supply.

SCAVENGING

This work proceeds as in previous years, but with an added

tinned can content, due to the increased amount of canned goods provided under War Conditions. Unfortunately these tinned cans have no market or Salvage value, and are only a liability on the Council for disposal. This latter is now well nigh impossible and the tinned cans are accumulating at the refuse dump in a large heap creating Rat Habourage, and causing extra liability in the killing of Rats. It is hoped that it will not be long before the ash etc. at the refuse dump can be diverted from night soil panning, for the use in controlled tipping of refuse, whereby the tinned can would be buried.

SALVAGE

Is still carried out by a separate Committee, and does not comprise part of my duty. If it were practicable to salvage and dispose of tinned cans as sorted from the refuse at the Incinerator; the points relevant to these, (mentioned in my report under Scavenging) would not arise.

MILK SUPPLY

No complaint has been received of quality or method of distribution of the Milk Supply for the Borough.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, FRIED FISH ESTABLISHMENTS & SLAUGHTER HOUSES

No complaint has been received regarding any of the establishments and no Statutory action has had to be taken with respect thereto.

HOUSING

No action under the Housing Acts has been taken other than the effort to maintain properties in a wind and watertight condition.

EVACUATION

No action regarding health matter from the Sanitary Inspector's standpoint has had to be taken in respect of this scheme.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) H. Austin Reeve.

Sanitary Inspector.

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Population	~~1560~~ 1481
Inhabited houses	438
Rateable value	£7423
Sum raised by 1d. rate	£30-5/

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BIRTHS				
legitimate	6	11	17	Rate per 1000 pop.
illegitimate	4		4	13.4
			21	(rate for England 15.9)
DEATHS				
all causes	11	11	22	14.1
				(rate for England 11.6)
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mouth	I		Pneumonia	I	2
stomach		I	Nephritis	I	
other sites	3		Birth injuries		I
Apoplexy		4	Other causes		I
Heart disease	5	I			

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